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THE LAST SPIKE - a unique, historical monument at Promontory Point, Utah, marking the completion of the first transcontinental railroad. "Pioneers" to the West arrived before this date.



President Ken Wiseman

Greetings from your President.

Today we had as a guest in our home a favorite Missionary companion with whom I worked 47 years ago. He told Min and I that while he was a member of a Stake High Council in a neighboring state that they averaged three excommunications per week. This was shocking to us.

I believe that one of the best programs that the NS SUP can embark on in these very trying times is to exhort and stress the great ideals that our Pioneer fathers fought for and even died for. They followed their Prophet time and again against what must have appeared to be insurmountable odds. Today the

Satanic forces are working harder than ever before in our history. One example is the movement to try to dissuade the women of the Church from following the counsel of our living Prophet.

Another example: My wife and I have been called to assist in holding a Sacrament Meeting every Sunday morning for the patients, doctors, nurses, orderlies or visitors in a local hospital. The past several Sundays we have been averaging between 18-25 in attendance and the meetings have been very spiritual and uplifting. This last Sunday, however, the management sent word that the employees could not bring the patients to the Service. As a result, we did not have one in

attendance. Satan never misses a trick.

We heartily endorse the new meeting schedule that our Prophet has been inspired to give and we urge each one of you to support the program 100%.

Please make it a habit to read and study the lives of our forefathers in your home night meetings. This can take the place of the Home Evening Manual which is being discontinued.

As Brother Paramore of the First Quorum of the Seventy said: "TOTAL COMMITMENT IS DOING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE..."

Your servant,
Ken

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK—

The recent National Seminar for chapter officers and members gave your editor his best opportunity to outline some helpful suggestions to make a better PIONEER Magazine. Some of the points made at that time might be worth repeating here for the benefit of those who were not able to attend the seminar yet they would have occasion to send in material for publication.

Black and white pictures are best for the PIONEER because all our printing at the present time is in black ink. Color pictures will reproduce on the dark side. Contrast in pictures helps in the printing process. Pictures submitted to the PIONEER will not be returned unless specified with a return name and address.

Each chapter is encouraged to have some person assigned to be on the lookout for items of historical interest for PIONEER publication. While historical societies seek out such places of interest - we as an organization, are also interested and dedicated to memorializing our historic past.

We encourage each chapter to share with the PIONEER a measure of its successes in fellowshipping, civic projects and any other chapter activity that is in keeping with the objectives of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

The National Society headquarters is always interested - and we want to know - of changes in the officers of the various chapters, of changes of addresses of chapter

members (before the move takes place if possible) and any other items that will enable us to keep in contact with each chapter under the best possible and current conditions.

Once again - please send all PIONEER news items to the Editor, Sons of Utah Pioneers, 3357 South 2300 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109.

E. Kay Kirkham, Editor

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WASHINGTON D.C. CHAPTER IS SCHEDULED

With the visit of J. Paul Updike, National Society, Vice President for the Arizona area, a Sons of Utah Pioneers chapter in the Washington, D.C. area is about to be organized. As we go to press for this issue of the PIONEER, a telephone call from VP Updike gave us the details of the forth-coming organization in the Capitol area.

Details of the new eastern chapter will follow in the next issue of the PIONEER but for the present we learn that the first president of the Capitol Chapter will be Dr. Russell Judkins. Their first dinner to effect the organization will be on Wednesday, February 27th at the Hot Schoppes located at Bailey's Crossing, near Arlington, Virginia.

We extend to J. Paul Updike our sincere thanks and congratulations for the spirit of enterprise that he has shown in extending the benefits of membership and a local organization to the eastern part of the United States.

IDAHO FALLS CHAPTER TO BE ORGANIZED

With the visit of National President Ken Wiseman and his wife Min, steps were taken to organize a chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Life Member La Mar Gardner and wife Helen are currently LDS missionaries in Idaho Falls and with their encouragement to local potential members, and at their home, a meeting was held February 22, 1980 with nine persons present.

The following officers will staff the new chapter: President Clyde Park, president-elect Del Miller, first vice-president Rulon McCarrey, La Mar Gardner, acting secretary; and Eugene Wynn.

Paid up memberships at the meeting include Rulon McCarrey, Del Holland, Elmer Loftus, Clyde Park, Del Miller, David Simmons and Tom Felts. Other potential members are Leo Williams, J. Elmer Moss, Robert Hendricks, E. D. Huntsman, Taylor Lott.

JUNIOUS GIBBONS IS FIRST PRESIDENT OF SALT RIVER CHAPTER IN ARIZONA

At the end of a very successful year as the first president of the Salt River Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers, Junious Gibbons can well be proud of his accomplishments. Besides being a very busy and successful dentist, he is high priest group leader in his Scottsdale Ward. He followed his father in the dental profession.

He was born in Ajo, Arizona, a mining town where his father was the company dentist. He finished his schooling in Phoenix and received his dental degree from U.S.C. He met his wife, Ruth, at Brigham Young University, where at one time he and his wife set something of a record, having five of their eight children attending BYU at the same time.

During the Korean conflict, Junious was in Korea better than two years. As a great soldier missionary, he was instrumental in converting a very prominent Jewish dental surgeon, Ervin Cohen, from

New York. The circumstances, even included Captain Gibbons having an ear infection at the right time, which took him to the same hospital where Dr. Cohen was a patient and thus he was able to finish the converting process.

The church leadership positions Brother Cohen has held since joining the Church, amply prove the providential circumstances. One of Brother Gibbons daughters and all of his sons have served missions.

Almost single-handedly Junious brought nearly all of the Scottsdale members into the new Salt River Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. During his tenure in office he brought a seriousness of purpose to the overall goal of preserving our Pioneer Heritage. His own great, great grandfather, Andrew S. Gibbons, arrived with Brigham Young in July 1847. We are proud of our first president of the Sons of Utah Pioneers in Arizona.

Submitted by Paul J. Updike



HOLLADAY CHAPTER ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS

The December 1979 annual Christmas meeting was held December 14th at the Holladay Eighth Ward Cultural Hall where a special dinner was served and a program of entertainment was provided by the Skyline High School Madrigals. Also, special numbers were furnished by Jill Soffe and children, Gretchen, Macy, and Reyn. A string trio was furnished by members of the Tanner family, Donna, Donnette and Leanne.

Combined with the annual meeting was the election of officers for 1980 as follows: President, Bernard Tanner; president-elect, Joseph S. Hellewill; past president, Vaun Fotheringham; first vice-president, Ronald N. Spratling Jr.; second vice-president, William Shelton; secretary and treasurer, Joseph F. Smith; directors, Lewis F. Hathaway, Richard Siggard, Dilworth Marchant, Lewis B. Murdock and Arthur J. Wagstaff.

The group will hold a dinner program with speakers and music on the second Friday of each month.

Art Wagstaff, reporting.

MURRAY CHAPTER MAKES CHANGES IN CHAPTER OFFICERS

It is time for change in all of the organizations of the Sons of Pioneers here in Murray Chapter. Our new officers are: President, Kenneth Sutherland; President-Elect, Arthur Sperry; Treasurer, Max Barnett; Secretary, Conrad Morgan; First Vice-President, Eldon Nielson; Second Vice-President, Harold Shaw. Directors, Leo Christensen, Milton Young, Edward Butterfield, Kenneth Sanders. Past President, Marshall Brinton.

Our year has been very enjoyable, often a pioneer history has

been given to keep the pioneer spirit alive. Twelve couples from our chapter were privileged to go with the National Encampment to the Hole in the Rock, a great experience for all. We had good participation in the Pony Express competition.

We are happy to report that the Orin Blacks are leaving January 10th for a mission to South Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Soffe are away serving a mission to South Carolina.

Milton J. Young, reporting.

LIFE MEMBERS OFFICER EMC CHAPTER FOR 1980

The East Mill Creek Chapter met January 21, 1980 for their first meeting of the year 1980 with President Carl A. Quist ably hosting the meeting.

The chapter program consisted of "Pioneer Facts" by John Beynon, Life Member; John Prather, accompanied by his daughter gave masterful renditions as a tenor; David Fillmore, BYU graduate, former missionary to Japan and a Japanese linguist and Tabernacle Choir member, recounted the Choir visit to Japan to the seventy plus members and guests of the evening.

While a Life Membership was presented to Glen W. Swaner, it is to be noted that the EMC Chapter now have more than fifty life members, about 65 percent of its membership

The 1980 officers of the EMC Chapter, all life members, are Carl A. Quist, president; G. Lyman Garff, president-elect; Richard B. Kennedy, first vice-president; Elmo S. Poulson, second vice-president and the following directors: Wallace W. Bates, Elmo Pack, Ronald Amundsen and G. Norman Berndt.

Lothaire R. Rich,
past president reporting

CORN BELT CHAPTER ELECTS FOR 1980

Ben Trent, vice president of the National Society, SUP has sent in the new officers for 1980 for the Corn Belt Chapter. They are as follows: President, K. Michael Scott (Sheryle), 1407 W. Chestnut St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701; president-elect, David A. Schilling (Victoria), 1015 N. Elder, Bloomington, Ill.; secretary, Carl E. Swanson (Niki), 1715 Johnson Drive, Normal, Ill. 61761; treasurer, Steven Barrows (Hope), 302 E. Baker St., Bloomington, Ill. Vice president Trent informs us that he will forward progress reports from other mid-west chapters.

SALT RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER ELECTS 1980 OFFICERS

At a regular meeting of the Salt River Valley Chapter, held January 17, 1980 at the Sir George's Buffet in Phoenix, the following officers were installed by Paul J. Updike, Arizona vice president of the National Society.

J. Morris Richards, president; Junius W. Gibbons, past president; C. Ferrell Dana, president-elect; Malin W. Lewis, first vice president; Clark Wood, second vice president; John B. Keeler, third vice president; Dale Stout, secretary; Ivan Larson, treasurer (re-elected); Arthur Case, 3 year director; Leland Makemnsen, 2 year director; Martin C. Tate, 1 year director; Rodney Lee, historian; Eugene Romney, chaplain; Robert Updike, judge advocate; Lee Udall, assistant secretary; Paul J. Updike, Jr., assistant treasurer.

During the year the Salt River Valley Chapter sponsored the Mesa Chapter which was launched in October of 1979. The chapter in Phoenix meets on the third Thursday of each month and provides highlights, pioneer community and family histories on each occasion.

SIERRA CHAPTER IN- STALLS 1980 OFFICERS

At a regular monthly meeting held January 31, 1980, Dr. Evan Perkins, National Vice-President, reported on his attendance at the Annual Presidents Seminar held at national headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah. On the same program Charles Steinagel presented highlights on local history.

The new slate of officers for 1980 are as follows: President, Ralph D. Bird; President-Elect, Ivan A. Anderson; Vice-President, Jack Wittwer; Secretary, Ray Willis; Treasurer, D. Jay Thurman; Chaplain, I. Homer Smith; Historian, Austin Hunt. Chapter board members: Evan Perkins, Grant Ursenback, Ben Lofgren, Mance Vaught, Duane Ford and Nephi Hacken.

Ray M. Willis, Secretary



Walter Ewell, Hunter, President of the Temple Quarry Chapter for 1980, accepts SUP bell from retiring president. Charles L. Wright, Sandy.

TEMPLE QUARRY CHAPTER ELECTS FOR 1980

The Temple Quarry Chapter held its annual Christmas Social on December 13, 1979 with 144 persons present. Chapter president Charles Wright conducted and the following new officers and leaders were introduced by incoming president Walter Ewell: past president, Charles L. Wright; president-elect, John Turner; vice presidents, Louis Smith, Ivan Jones, Mont Margetts, Alma Holt and George Krebs; secretary, Jerome Tullis; treasurer, James Ostler; chaplain, Eugene Drake; trek master, Glen Greenwood; and co-chairman of treks, George Krebs.

Board members include: reporter, Gladys Jones; historian, Myrtle Wright; flyers, Barbara Tullis;

sunshine lady, Lucille Asay; piano, Pearl Cheever; song leader, Elma Johnson; photographer, Charles Wright; greeters, James Newton and Wendell Jones; life membership, Clayton Fairbourn; temple representative, Lawrence Doxey; Jordan River Temple representative, Alma Holt; museum chairman, Ken Rasmussen; housing, Ray Smith; historical, Russell Stocking and help with dinners, Bertha Newton and Sylva Jones; supply and utilities, Ida Ewell.

The first meeting of the new year was held January 10, 1980 with president Walter Ewell presiding. A historical oriented program was seen and heard by 122 persons.

PRESIDENT KIMBALL OUTLINES GOALS

We can all help President Spencer W. Kimball, by achieving the following goals:

Clean up — beautify homes, yards, barns, and places of business.

Plant trees and gardens.

Write your personal and family journals and also personal histories.

Remember to keep and observe the Sabbath day: refrain from attending sport events, hunting, fishing, swimming, picnics or boating.

Strengthen the family ties, have respect for women, have daily family prayer and private prayer.



Colonel Elmer Jones, Samuel Ami Judd and John C. Richards of the Mormon Battalion.

MORMON BATTALION CHAPTERS ARE ACTIVE

At a recent meeting of Company B of the Mormon Battalion, Temple Quarry Chapter, Samuel Ami Judd was honored as the oldest living descendent of a Mormon Battalion member. At 84 years of age, he is a grandson of Zadok Knapp Judd, one of the youngest members of the original battalion. Loved and honored by his children and grandchildren he delights in telling stories of the early days.

Samuel Judd lives part of the time with his daughter Lucile in Sandy and with his daughter Wanda Glover, Kanab, Utah. He has sons Harmon and Derrel Judd living in Provo. Derrel Judd has written an account of his great grandfather's life and the Mormon Battalion as his thesis for obtaining a masters degree at the Brigham Young University.

Company A of the Mormon Battalion, reporting through Captain Larry Epperson, explains the details and extent of the Young U.S. Mormon Battalion Program. Youths of scouting age, living clean lives and citizens of the United States, are eligible to apply for membership in the program for youths. A list of activities qualifies for merit badges within the program. Pot luck dinners are held and interesting programs are outlined for the future. We commend the Battalion on the program and their preparation of prospective future members of the adult program within the Battalion.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER ANNOUNCES OFFICERS FOR 1980

From Logan, Utah, we have received the following list of officers for 1980. President, Alvin C. Hull; president-elect, Delano Hunsaker; vice-president, James Johnson; secretary, James Johnson; treasurer, E. Devere Miner; two year directors, Sylmar G. Jessop and Gerald Adair; one year directors, Hyrum Ward and Garth Clark Page. Historian, Sylmar G. Jessop, chaplain, Hyrum Ward; foods chairman, Ben F. Turman; reporter and photographer, Merlin W. Kendrick; program chairman, Sylvester C. Anderson; treks and trails, D. Wesley Reese; membership chairman, Bruce E. Allen; life membership chairman, James R. Allen; civic affairs, Cleve Milligan; welfare chairman, Gerald Adair; uniforms, Garth Clark Page; parades chairman, Merrill R. Page; awards, executive officers. National life member chairman, Theris P. Astle; National vice-president, Sylvester C. Anderson.

Merlin W. Kendrick, reporter.

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THE JOHN WALKER FAMILY EARLY CHURCH STALWARTS

by Rowland P. Corry

The following is about John Walker, my great, great grandfather and some members of his family. John Walker was a personal friend of Joseph Smith, the Prophet, John's daughter Catherine, my great grandmother, was the mother of Anna Walker Rogers Moyes, who was the mother of my mother, Olive Moyes Corry.

John Walker filled two missions for the Church in the Eastern States. He emigrated with the saints to Council Bluffs and was appointed President of a branch of the Church in that locality. He later moved to Farmington, Utah, and died there at the age of seventy-five.

John Walker, his wife and ten children were involved in or were in close proximity of the Hauns Mill Massacre. Lucy Walker's comments on this ordeal are interesting. "We passed through Kirtland just after the Saints had left for Far West. When we arrived in Caldwell County, we were surrounded by a mob of about forty persons with blackened faces. They ordered my frail and ill mother out into the deep snow, searched our wagons, took from us our arms and ammunition, pointed their guns at our children, cursed at us and threatened our lives.

"We continued our journey until we came to a settlement on Shoal Creek, five miles from Hauns Mill.

My father, together with another brother, went to the mill to confer with Brother Joseph Young regarding the threatening circumstances we faced. It was here that the mob fired upon men, women and children without giving any warning. My father, John Walker, was shot in the arm but was miraculously saved from death at the hands of the mob."

Upon the death of Lydia Holmes Walker, wife of John Walker, the Prophet realized that John was so grief stricken that it appeared that he would not survive his wife's passing and the hardships which they had been through. Feeling that a change of scene and circumstances would help, the Prophet called John Walker on a mission for the Church and arranged for the care of his ten children. Joseph and Emma "adopted" the four older children, William, Lorin, Catherine and Lucy.

Both William and Lorin Walker were especially close to the Prophet. William writes that he managed the Nauvoo Mansion under the direction of the Prophet. Lucy writes that Lorin was ever at the Prophet's side, walking arm in arm together and conversing on many subjects.

At one point in the Prophet's life when he was in jail, my grandfather, William Rogers (Catherine's husband), personally obtained and

paid for legal counsel to get the Prophet out of jail...he could not stand by and see an obvious injustice continued.

Lucy Walker writes in a most kindly way about how she and her brothers and sisters were treated in Joseph and Emma Smith's home. She loved and respected them. She said, "The Prophet and his wife introduced us as their sons and daughters. Every privilege within reach was ours. Every courtesy and consideration was afforded to us." William Walker, the oldest boy, says of the Prophet, "In regard to his private life, as to the purity, honesty, charity, benevolence, refinement of feeling and nobility of character, his superior did not exist on earth." In these days when so much is said about the treatment afforded to women, Joseph's comment as recorded by Lucy is very meaningful, "...a man's wife should be his bosom companion and the nearest and dearest on earth in every sense of the word."

An interesting experience is recorded by Lorin Walker, "Lovina Smith was doing a weekly wash when her father, Hyrum Smith, came home from one of his trips with the Prophet Joseph Smith. Hyrum asked his daughter when she planned to be married. Lovina said to him that she and Lorin Walker had been waiting for him to perform the ceremony. The Patriarch said if she wanted him to marry them, it would be that day. So Lovina removed her apron and went to find Lorin. They were married with the humble family as witnesses to the ceremony. Four days later the Prophet Joseph Smith and the Patriarch Hyrum Smith were martyred at Carthage Jail.

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The Pioneer Village Armory

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The Sons of the Utah Pioneer's Pioneer Village Arms Collection contains everything from knight's armor used in medieval Europe to the modern fire arms of today. The collection also includes old hand tools, on loan from the Browning family, which were used primarily by Jonathan and John Browning in making and repairing firearms. The

NEW MEMBERS ENROLLED SINCE LAST ISSUE

Herman W. Hadfield, BE; M. Elmo Lish, BE; James H. Norman, BE.

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well-lighted showcases display weapons used by gunfighters of the old west as well as arms used in American wars from the Revolution to the Civil War.

The first real guns - called matchlocks - are among the most interesting. Developed in Europe in 1475, these were fired by lighting the priming powder with a match or lighted wick. They were crude and undependable, for rain or wind would extinguish the match and moisture would keep the priming powder from lighting. A refinement of this gun - the flint lock - is also represented in the museum. The Flintlock was the mainstay of the American Pioneer. Daniel Boone and other early Americans made the Flintlock long rifle famous. A later refinement - the cartridge arm - is also on display.

Another rare item of interest is the coffee grinder gun, one of a possible five in the country. During the Civil War, one of these guns was issued to each regiment. An actual coffee grinder is enclosed in the stock of the rifle. The drawback is that it is so small, it could hardly serve a regiment.

Firearms may not always have an appeal for everyone, some approve, others disapprove of their use. But they were an important and seemingly necessary part of our Pioneer Heritage. We can learn from the past, and this exhibit has much to teach. A visit to the Gun Armory in Pioneer Village is an educational and fascinating journey.

Ron Van Woerden

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Mark J. Udy, Jr., SH; and the following from the Salt River Valley Chapter: Eugene K. Mangum, William R. Pyper, Leland Makemson, Doyle E. Robertson and Larry Udall. Claude B. Lamkin, AL; Charles C. Fronberg, MTO.

Life members since last issue: Frank W. Forsgren, #372, BE; Wayne Tidwell, #373, TF; Evan P. Wright, #374, SLC; Wayne H. Banks, #375, ESL; Farrell W. Lewis, #376, BY; G. Jerry Brown, #377, MTO.

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HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK CENTENNIAL EVENTS ANNOUNCED

A recent announcement from Blanding has given us the dates for special events in connection with the Hole-in-the-Rock Centennial. It was one hundred years ago Saturday, January 26, 1980, that the first Mormon pioneer wagons descended the canyon walls of the Colorado River for future settlement of the Blanding and Bluff, Utah, areas. Forthcoming events include:

April 10-12, a relay in which runners will retrace the trail from Escalante; April 12th, horseback riders will retrace the last leg of the journey that same morning.

April 21, is the deadline for the Centennial Art Contest and April 23 will be a school-community fair in the San Juan High School gymnasium.

May 17th will be a living history program at the Natural Bridges National Monument to be followed by a pageant, July 2-5, at the San Juan High football field.

The San Juan District of the Boy Scouts of America has also struck a medal to be given to Boy Scouts who help improve the trail through the Historic Trails Program.

Our files show that there are several descendants of the original Hole-in-the-Rock expedition still living in the Escalante area. They are members of the Lyman family from Boulder, Utah, Truman, Ivan and Kirk Lyman; from Escalante, Utah, Dale and Lincoln Lyman and Amasa Lyman.

Every member of the SUP will look forward to future activity in this historic area. The SUP will want to be a part of it.

A letter from the Toastmasters International, District 15, states that their organization has a large corps of speakers on various subjects who are qualified professional speakers although they do not charge for their services. For further information contact Clifford Webb, Chairman, speakers bureau, 2569 North 1200 East, Provo, Utah 84601.

DON BUSATH, PHOTOGRAPHER, HONORED

Don Busath, son of La Mar Busath, former EMC Chapter member and a former printer of the PIONEER, has been honored by his professional associates. In January 1979 at the National Affiliated Print Judging in Denver, Colorado. Don needed one print to be accepted to complete his Master of Photography Degree, all four entries were hung, a first for the Rocky Mountain Professional Photographers Association. Later, two of his four prints won first place in their category to achieve a total score for the highest in the show and Photographer of the Year, a once-in-a-lifetime honor.

For this achievement in his profession and for his support of the PIONEER in advertising we join with others in recognizing his service to our community.

CIVIC CLUBS OFFER SERVICES

It is possible that our many chapters will be interested in some of the services offered by various clubs in this area. Over the signature of N.D. "Pete" Hayward, Sheriff of Salt Lake County, his department is able to be of service to clubs, groups, etc. who would want a member of his staff to come and speak regarding the organization of Crime Watch Councils in neighborhoods and what you can do to protect your home from residential burglaries. His office also has a "Ride-along Program" to show what is being done to provide an insight into crime that is occurring in the valley.

For more information on this service to the community telephone Mrs. Nell Herrin at 535-7221.

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CHAPTERS RECOGNIZED WHEREIN MAJORITY HAVE PAID 1980 DUES

Temple Quarry Chapter, (23 members), Pres. Walter L. Ewell and treas. James B. Ostler; Box Elder Chapter (29 members), Pres. Doyle N. Reeves and treas. E. DuVall.

Murray Chapter (34 members), Pres. E. Kenneth Sutherland and treas. Max A. Barnett; Cedar City Chapter [23 members], Pres. Richard Stucci and treas. Loran D. Hirschi; Sugarhouse Chapter (40 members), Pres. John D. Simonsen and treas. Guy Anderson.

Salt Lake City Chapter (33 members) Pres. Evan Wright and treas. George W. Fowler. Mesa Chapter, Pres. Spencer D. Madsen and sec. Henry E. Miller; Ogden Pioneer Chapter (50 members), Pres. Wilford E. Fowers and treas. Berdean W. Balls; Sierra Chapter, Pres. Ralph D. Bird and treas. Donald J. Thurman; Canyon Rim/Heritage Chapter, Pres. Irvin Skousen and treas. Allen T. Billeter; Salt River Valley Chapter, Pres. J. Morris Richards and sec. Ivan V. Larsen.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OFFICERS BUSY WITH PROBLEMS, PROJECTS AND SEMINARS

At meetings of the National Society officers during the month of January 1980, as well as the annual seminars for officers, the following information is of interest to all members of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers.

With National President Ken Wiseman presiding at the January Seminar, he recognized the attendance of J. Paul Updike and Spencer Madsen from the Phoenix area; Ralph Bird and Dr. Perkins from the Sacramento area in California; Thayne G. Smith of the Kanab Chapter and Wayne H. Banks from the Hole-in-the-Rock Chapter, Escalante, Utah.

Highlights of the meetings follow: W. Lowell Castleton gave an exciting report on progress for the New Home Fund and the plaques for memorializing of the Pioneers before the railroad. The basic contribution for a memorialized plaque is \$100, husband and wife can be on the same plaque for a contribution of \$200. All contributions for the plaques will be published in the PIONEER MAGAZINE of the SUP. In order to maintain an accurate control of funds contributed and the donors, two files have been set up at national headquarters: (1) buff colored cards for donors and contributions and (2) green cards for vital statistics information on the names to be memorialized.

It was projected that if the National Society Board alone were to memorialize their maternal and paternal ancestors to the valley, a fund of approximately \$8,000 could be raised for the New Home.

Several suggestions were made as to how businesses and organizations might enter into the funding of the New Home and all suggestions were noted and will be acted upon by the combined committee under the chairmanship of W. Lowell Castleton. Report will come later on their decisions.

Colonel Elmer B. Jones, Mormon Battalion, gave a report on a recent trip to southern Utah. The Moab Encampment is to be September 18,

19 and 20th, 1980. He challenged each chapter to anticipate the encampment and to have a good representation at that time.

Oliver R. Smith reported on publicity items to say that there was a possibility of a Canadian relay, starting in Salt Lake and ending in Calgary, Canada, the latter part of May 1980. The occasion would mark the founding of Calgary, Canada, and its 75th anniversary.

Mort Hill re-stated a goal of our National President Ken Wiseman in that each chapter should set a goal of sponsoring a new chapter during the year 1980. Committee meetings are being held and seminars planned to assist chapters in various areas in the West.

Past-president Phil Robbins outlined a possible contest for SUP pioneer songs. It was proposed that each chapter be contacted with follow up articles to come from the PIONEER Magazine.

In all fields of activity the National Board is contemplating new and vigorous action for the year 1980. Announcements and future plans will be announced as decisions are reached by the assigned committees.

NS OFFICIALS REPORT TRIP INTO ARIZONA

On Wednesday February 13, Ken Wiseman, president NS SUP and John J. Nielsen, executive secretary, travelled south to Richfield, Utah, to meet with three LDS brethren, Norman H. Jackson and Ken Chamberlain, attorneys and Neil P. Bush, local businessman, who will head a group to get a chapter organized locally.

Wednesday night they met with 29 persons of the Red Rock Chapter at Kanab, Utah, a dinner presided over by the new chapter president, Thayne C. Smith. Cram Valden, president-elect of the chapter and secretary/treasurer, John K. Martin were present also. An evening program was enjoyed and the NS officials with others, were speakers.

Thursday they drove to Mesa, Arizona, thru heavy rain and floods in that area. At Mesa they were met by chapter president, Spencer D. Madsen and in the evening a chapter dinner was held at the Royal Fork where about 50-60 persons enjoyed a fine program. The occasion was for the presentation of the chapter charter by NS SUP President Ken Wiseman. President Wiseman challenged the membership to have all current members, life members, by the time of the Moab Encampment 1980. The challenge was accepted.

On Friday morning the twosome went to Phoenix, Arizona, and met with the Salt River Valley Chapter officers: president, J. Morris Richards; past president, Junius Gibbons; president-elect, C. Ferrell Dana; first vice president, Malin W. Lewis and treasurer, Ivan B. Larsen, together with two officers from the Mesa Chapter. The local LDS Church publication, the LATTER-DAY SENTINEL, of which Malin W. Lewis is publisher, will feature an article about SUP Memorial Plaques. This is an outstanding group of SUP members and they hope to expand their membership into Scottsdale, Arizona.

Because of washed-out bridges a road detour to Las Vegas, Nevada, came by way of Blythe, California. With no chapter at LV, the twosome met with former National Society vice president, A. La Vell Smith, life member out of Ogden, Utah where he was a professor at Weber College. They met with him at his home and an effort will be made to get a chapter locally.

Saturday at St. George, Utah, the National Society officers met with John Miner and Warren Ottley, radio station owner and sales manager, who, with Howard N. Thompson, will endeavor to organize a local chapter.

With 1,500 miles behind them they arrived home safely through much bad weather and with a job well done.

E.K.K.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JANUARY 1980 SEMINAR

Top, left to right: quartette, Colonel Elmer Jones, Mormon Battalion; Kenneth Wiseman, National President SUP; W. Phil Robbins, Past President, National SUP; Wilson Seely, Treasurer, National Society, SUP. Top right: National President Kenneth Wiseman presides at banquet. Center left: display encourages members to contribute to SUP Research Library. Center right: large crowd attends annual banquet. Left bottom: Kenneth Wiseman and Adolph Johnson conduct discussion at officers seminar. Bottom right: Olive Beth (Mrs. Grant) Mack addresses enthusiastic assembly of the ladies.

GOLDEN THREADS

by Lois B. Erickson

Louisa leaned heavily against the door frame and viewed the noisy, squirming, wriggling creatures before her. On and on it went for twenty four hours a day. The inconvenience disappeared in her mind as happiness and pride surged through her entire being as she thought, "How wonderful to be a part of this great experiment—the establishing of the silk industry out here in Utah. If Brigham Young believes we can raise silk here, we will do it!"

With renewed energy she gathered up the leaf containers and set them on the back porch, wound the beautiful, black, ebony clock which ticked softly from its mantel perch on the side board, and blew out the kerosene lamp as the faithful clock chimed out twelve midnight.

"Sleep fast, Louisa, dawn comes early in Harrisville."

The first pink rays of morning light pushed back the curtain of night and were greeted by the industrious, hard-at-work-Harris family. Nimble but cold fingers plucked the green mulberry leaves from the bushes and dropped them swiftly into the containers. Speed was essential for when six o'clock came the containers must be full and ready to feed the ravenously-hungry worms. Louisa spoke encouragingly to her children and family. Sleep still lingered in their eyes and numbed their muscles, but they worked sweetly and harmoniously together. They had been thoroughly indoctrinated by their devoted mother and father to the wishes and desires of their leaders, and President Brigham Young had requested that the silk industry be instituted in Utah. The pioneers were going to comply.

These pioneers needed lovely fabrics, they needed attractive furnishings and coverings to beautify themselves and their homes; yet, these staunch, untiring people felt it was a commandment—no, not really a commandment, perhaps it was merely a request but it was honored, and they bent quickly to heed his counsel. It might have been just a great test of obedience such as Abraham received when instructed to slay his son, but it had come from

their leaders. Little else mattered, really, for they were accustomed to privations and "doing without", and personal embellishments seemed trivial. No one attempted to explain or analyze motives—they merely accepted and began quickly to fulfill their prophet's wish to be self-sustaining, and the silk industry was born in Utah!

A great deal of advance preparation was required, but mainly, the mulberry bushes had to be planted so as to mature. They needed constant tending, watering, and care that they might remain alive, vibrant, and luxuriant in growth. These tender, nourishing leaves were the only food required to these ugly yellowish worms. At one time it was thought silk worms might be fed osage orange leaves and lettuce, but the silk produced on such a diet was inferior to that raised on the mulberry leaves.

The original silk worms were obtained from Italy. The silkworm is really a larvae or a very young stage of a moth resembling a caterpillar.

After the eggs were hatched out they were about one fourth inch long, and were placed on long tables in one room of the house. At this tiny egg size they did not require much room, but did require a steady diet of mulberry leaves every six hours.

In the beginning at this early stage of development, the leaves were chopped finely, but the worms grew, less chopping of the mulberry leaves was required.

Louisa's family found this all hard work, but a source of education. They watched the tiny eggs grow to mature larvae about three inches long which were yellowish gray to dark gray in color. As the tiny worms increased in size they were moved onto more tables and into adjoining rooms until the family protested that "the worms were taking over and they were being moved out." Six hours between feedings passed too quickly, and their fingers ached and grew raw from stripping the mulberry leaves. All neighborhood children were "privileged" to help with the leaf gathering, but only the adults chopped and piled the leaves on the tables to be devoured by the squirm-

ing, constantly-eating insects. This procedure and six-hour feeding schedule continued until the larvae matured which required six weeks.

At the end of this period they were ready to spin their cocoons, and branches of trees or shrubs were placed on the tables. The worms climbed these branches and proceeded to make their cocoons in one continuous thread. Now the mature silk worms ceased eating, and the relief for the family was readily welcomed.

Martin Henderson Harris recorded in his journal, July 6th, Sunday, 1873 this item, "Last day we fed silk worms."

One small child remarked, "Mama, it seems so good to sleep until the sky starts to wake up." Louisa gently stroked the fair child and knew that she had spoken for them all.

This was the beginning of a very interesting and miraculous procedure. From a tiny opening near its mouth, modified salivary glands, called silk glands, gave off a jelly-like substance which hardened once it met the air. This was a clear, viscous fluid which was forced through openings called spinnerets on the mouthparts of the larva—this was silk. The diameter of the spinneret determined the thickness of the silk thread which was produced—the beautiful golden, silk thread cherished by the peoples of the earth for centuries.

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ACCEPT MISSION CALL

Melvin C. and Anne H. Cannon have accepted a call to serve in the Pennsylvania Harrisburg LDS Mission. Now retired, Dr. Cannon is former head of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Utah State University and currently serves as patriarch in the Mount Logan Stake.

Mrs. Cannon has served in primary, sunday school, and relief society organizations.

At the time of their mission call, Melvin was serving as President-Elect in the Temple Fork Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers in Logan, Utah.



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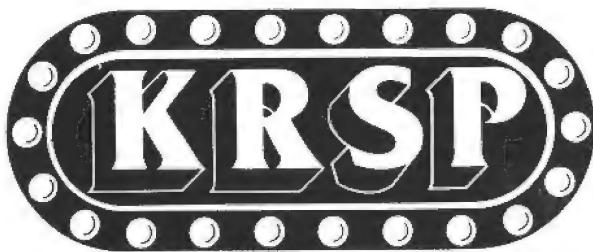
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The family watched with great interest as the cocoon spinning began. The worm moved its head back and forth, and the silk came out about six inches a minute. It required about three days for a silk-worm to finish its cocoon of about 1000 to 3000 feet. At the end of this time the worm was snugly enclosed in the tightly woven cocoon.

One child ran to Louisa saying, "Mama, our trees have grown peanuts". Sure enough there on the branches were the finished cocoons looking like a peanut in a shell. They were from an inch to an inch and a half, golden in color, and the "shell" was tightly woven. The worms would now emerge as moths if left to complete their natural cycles.

Now the family rested. Actually the "rest" was merely "to catch our breath." The cocoons were collected and placed in boxes. Then heat was applied to kill the moth. Great care must be exercised in handling and all must be treated after eight days of the finished cocoon spinning and before the pupation period ended in fourteen days. If the moth was allowed to emerge tearing of the fine silk resulted and the cocoon was damaged. Only enough adult moths were allowed to emerge to insure continuation of the industry.

After the cocoons were dried out they were dipped in near-boiling water to loosen the gummy substance which held the thread. The women then brushed the cocoons lightly so that the silk thread was loosened from them. The thread from several cocoons was then wound together to produce a single and stronger thread. The thread was wound onto reels and was given several twists to make it firmer and stronger. The threads from several reels were then wound together, and sometimes a final silk thread was wound and twisted from the threads of more than twenty cocoons. The

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**LIFE MEMBERSHIP REPORT
 IS UPDATED**

The January-February issue of the PIONEER for 1979 listed eighty-eight new life members for 1978, of this number the following can be included for 1979 because their certificates were not issued until early January, 1979. Life Members numbers 333 to 340 include the following:

R. Gerald Pixton, C. Bicknell Robbins, Clinton P. Mott, VeLoy H. Butterfield, Lawrence W. Singleton, Vince R. Houtz, Delanno Hunsaker and William R. Egbert.

Life Members, January 16 to December 19, 1979 (No. 341 to 371) include the following:

Elias A. Dawson, Bernard M. Tanner, Sidney M. Horman, D. Crawford Houston, Elbert O. Thompson, James C. Burns, Kenneth E. Smith, Merrill Sandberg, Clinton Brewer, Jerry C. Higginson.

Fred W. Schwendiman, Spencer D. Madsen, Robert M. Smith, Vaughn Fotheringham, Daniel F. Allred, Henry E. Miller, Harry S. Randall, Charles L. Wright, J. Smith Decker, Bud Louis Bennett, Floyd

The above noted memberships are included in our various chapters as follows:

Chapter	Code	1979	1980
At large	AL	1	
Box Elder	BE	-	1
Brigham Young	BY	2	1
Canyon Rim/Heritage	CR/H	1	
East Mill Creek	EMC	4	
Escalante	ESL	-	1
George A. Smith	GAS	5	-
Holladay	HOL	2	-
Mesa	Mesa	4	-
Mormon Battalion	MB	2	-
Mount Ogden	Mt.O	1	1
Mt. Olympus	Mt.Oly	1	-
Murray	MUR	1	-
SLC Pioneer	PIO	3	-
Salt Lake City	SLC	3	-
Salt River Valley	SRV	1	-
South Davis	SD	1	-
Sugar House	SH	2	-
Taylorsville/Bennion	TB	1	-
Temple Fork	TF	3	2
Temple Quarry	TQ	1	-

K. Giles, Paul J. Hendricksen, David S. Nelson, Erschel E. Shepherd.

Benjamin F. Turman, Roy A. Sorensen, Robert H. Horne, Glenn C. Davis, Leonard H. Johnson, W. Glenn Swaner and Gerald W. Ada Jr.

Since the first of January 1980 the following have become Life Members: Frank W. Forsgren, Wayne Tidwell, Evan P. Wright, Wayne H. Banks, Farrell W. Lewis, G. Jerry Brown and George W. Mackay.

It is to be noted for all life members that the Life Membership Pin is now included in the membership fee of \$125.

The Executive Officers of the Mesa Chapter have accepted the challenge of our National President, Ken Wiseman, to have forty life members by our encampment at Moab, Utah, September 18, 1980. So far they have 10% towards this goal and Mason Davis, one of their directors, is leading out in this challenge.

*Reported by
 John J. Nielsen*

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thread was then wound and twisted from the threads of more than twenty cocoons. The thread was then wound into long hanks, or skeins, and this was called throwing, actually meaning twisting to make the threads even stronger. After throwing, the silk yarn was ready for weaving.

On May 3, 1867 Martin Harris recorded in his journal the following: "Deposited 150 dollars with Bishop C. W. West to send to the States to purchase a Mendenhall Self Acting Hand Loom, also 58 dollars to send for a sewing machine. Obtained the loom one year after it was due but never obtained the sewing machine."

The practice of raising silk worms continued in the Harris home for many years. One year they raised over 11,000 worms. That year, literally the house did not belong to them for it was taken over by the silkworms which filled every available space.

Louisa was especially sensitive to her lovely family and their cooperative efforts, and she wanted them to share in the finished product. She wove for each one of them a lovely silk handkerchief with the design of the Salt Lake Temple in one corner and a beehive in another corner.

"Louisa, how lovely you look!"

The year was 1879, and Louisa stood before the long mirror gowned in a beautiful, exquisitely-detailed black silk dress. She breathed deeply with admiration as she surveyed the efforts of her own hands. The material had been woven in Salt Lake City, but the product was hers — theirs! How happy they all were as they watched her slowly turn about. How happy she was! President Young's "wish" had been fulfilled through their great, untiring efforts.

But few could estimate her strength or the strength of the "golden threads". This beautiful dress was worn by many after Louisa. Daughters and granddaughters borrowed it for special occasions, and many years it attended the Daughters of Utah Pioneer Balls gracing some lovely descendant.

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PIONEER TRAILS RELAY CHAPTER IS ORGANIZED

The Pioneer Trails Relay Chapter was organized January 25, 1980. The chapter is an outgrowth of the very successful Nauvoo to Salt Lake Mormon Trail Relay held last May. The purpose of the new chapter is to choose two or three pioneer trails each year and hold a relay along the trails. This year three relays are planned.

(1) Escalante to Hole in the Rock/Blanding, April 10-12, 1980, 100th year anniversary, 150 miles.

(2) Salt Lake to Calgary, Canada, May 23-31, 1980. Seventy-fifth anniversary, approx-

imately 1,000 miles.

(3) Sons of Utah Pioneers Annual Encampment, Salt Lake City to Moab, Utah, September, 1980.

President Glenn R. Welker announces that the new chapter is open to membership to all men eighteen and over. You do not have to be a descendant of a Utah Pioneer to belong or to hold office. Membership is \$10. yearly and this fee includes an annual subscription to the PIONEER Magazine. He invites all to join now and have a lot of fun and good association with many fine men. (For information call Ralph J. Carlson at 262-5541.)



Group present at the organization of the Pioneer Trails Relay Chapter. President Glenn R. Welker, President fourth from left.

The newly elected officers are: Glenn R. Welker, president; president-elect Rand E. Nielson; first vice-president Darrell R. Turpin; second vice-president Willis L. Peterson. Directors: Ralph J. Carlson, Scott Dee Record, James Brohm; secretary and treasurer, James B. Kennard. Others involved in the organization are Jerry A. Camp, Wallace and Walter McPhie and Keith Wheatley.

A letter currently received from Mr. Mel Cottle, Cardston, Canada, who is co-chairman of the Alberta Mormon Trail Relay, has asked for a

meeting with the Pioneer Trails Relay Chapter on February 29 or 30th, 1980 to discuss cooperative efforts, to exchange information on past relays and discuss participation in the Cardston Relay.

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NO CLOSED GATE

by Emily W. Brewer

One hot August afternoon, Anne sat staring out the window toward the lake. In her trembling hand she held a letter from President John Taylor, but she refused to believe the words she had read. Niels could not be dead, not her Niels. Why, little more than two years had passed since he left, vibrant and alive, to be President of the Scandinavian Mission, his third mission for his church.

Of course there had been some mistake! In his last letter he had told how busy he was, saying, "Brother Jensen and I just finished revision of the Book of Mormon and we thank God, who has blessed us to accomplish this great work. I have looked in vain for my release, but this is all right. If the Lord will bless me with health and strength, I'll remain as long as he wishes me to."

The Lord would bless Niels, he always blessed him. She remembered how, as he was returning from his second mission he had been blinded by alkali and could not even see her when he arrived. And again when his feet were so badly frozen the doctor said they must be amputated. Both times they had sought the Lord, and Niels had been restored to normal. Yes, the Lord would bless her Niels.

She continued to gaze out the window, but instead of the blue lake she saw a garden gate in Denmark. It was a spring evening and in the soft moonlight Niels had asked her to marry him.

"Anne," he had said, "remember the night I first saw you? It was at the fair and you looked lovely. I asked permission to walk home with you. As we neared this spot I was anticipating a visit by your fireside, but you firmly closed the gate and bid me good-night. I determined then that someday there would be no closed gate between us ever again."

White caps were forming now on the lake. Perhaps the wind would rise and blow away the clouds that were making the air so sultry. That would be better than rain, she thought, for she didn't want the new mown hay spoiled. Everything must be in good condition when Niels returned.

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The lake faded from her vision again and she heard Niels' voice saying, "Yes, there have been other girls and twice marriage plans were made, but don't you see, it was Providence that intervened and made me wait for you?"

And so they had been married, but before they could settle into an easy way of life Niels had come home one day and announced that he was going to attend a meeting with one of his co-workers. He came back so impressed by the "new religion" he had heard about at that meeting that soon she was studying with him.

Their joy had been great that August midnight, twenty-seven years ago when they had come out of the waters of baptism and received the Holy Ghost. Their joy had increased as he was called to fill a mission among his own people and then to serve as a counselor to the mission President.

Even when they left the land of their birth, their loved ones and a tiny lad sleeping in "grave 25" in a churchyard, she was still happy with her Niels.

His call to a second mission, when their home was barely finished, left her with four small children. Still there was no complaint forthcoming. Their love spanned the ocean and when he returned, their joy was even greater.

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ADDITIONAL MEMORIALIZED PIONEERS

This is the third listing of pioneers who entered the valleys prior to May 10, 1869. Additional names will be listed as they are cleared for statistical information and payments.

John August Anderson, Maria Nielsen Anderson, Breneman Barr Bitner, Marjorie M. H. Bitner, George Brazier, John Boyce, Capt. James Brown, Sarah Ann Brown.

Ellen Benbow Carter, William Carter, James Joseph Castleton, Frances S. Brown Castleton, George Crane, Henry Aldous Dixon, William Grant, George Ludwig Groneman, John Pidding Jones, Mads Jorgensen.

Thomas Sloan Mackay, John Mackay, Aurelius Miner, Jasper N. Perkins, John Rogers Robbins, Louisa Rosser, Daniel Russell.

GOLDEN THREADS

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This unusual black silk dress found importance at the great World's Fair in Chicago in 1893 representing the silk industry of Utah.

Today is repose in the Relic Hall at Ogden, Utah, and is "the only dress made from home grown silk in Weber County."

Bless you, Louisa, for your service, faith, and devotion to such a great cause. Your posterity for years to come will cherish your memory and their many hearts will be tightly woven together with many 'Golden Threads'.

The End

Louisa Sargent Harris is my Great-grandmother. I feel her story is especially important in fulfilling the great purposes of the National Society of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, as it is a true experience of one who helped establish and develop this great commonwealth.

Her contribution in pioneering the unique silk industry is invaluable. Some first-hand information was obtained from Lettie Saunders Ferrin, age 88, who was a neighbor at the time.

HOLLADAY'S SETTLEMENT

(Home of East Mill Creek Chapter)

by D.P. Bartschi

On July 19th, 1847 the Mississippi Company caught their first glimpse of the Great Salt Lake. They entered the arid but recently inhabited valley to begin their exploration of the tributary canyons and streams with an eye toward settlement. Their summer explorations, some fifteen miles or so from the Fort of Great Salt Lake, took them to the base of a lofty peak between Mill Creek and Big Cottonwood Canyons. The general area, with what appeared to be an abundance of free-flowing, spring-fed streams; green with scrub oak, birch, willows and cottonwood, seemed to bear at least some resemblance to their treasured Mississippi and Alabama farms. No doubt the spot of greenery with the sparkling streams was a most welcome sight after months of travel in their lumbering wagons.

Twenty-four men with their families in nineteen wagons made up the Mississippi Company. William Crosby was Captain, Robert Crow of Perry County, Illinois and John D. Holladay, Sr. of Marion County, Alabama as counselors. They had followed the now fairly well-defined Oregon Trail fully expecting to make contact with the main group of pioneers somewhere along the far reaches of the Platte. In July 1846, just short of Fort Laramie, they received the disheartening news of the plight of the Nauvoo Companies and the Mormon Battalion. Not wishing to breast the Great Rockies alone, they decided to winter somewhere on the east slope.

A lone wayfarer, John Renshaw described what might be a suitable place 250 miles south at the headwaters of the Arkansas River, a Spanish settlement called Pueblo (Colorado). The fall of 1846 saw them busily preparing for winter in Pueblo. The Indians were peaceable and the natives seemed to have ample food supplies. A small group of white men were then dispatched to return to Mississippi to wind up affairs and assist additional members of families to prepare for the western journey. Enroute on the Sante Fe Trail, this group perchanced upon

the Mormon Battalion. The Battalion sent some civilian families and sick infrantrymen to winter with the Mississippi Company at Pueblo.

Spring of 1847 came and a small group of seventeen persons with seven wagons retraced their trail to Fort Laramie and waited two weeks for the arrival of President Brigham Young's advance company on June 1, 1847. President Young dispatched Amasa Lyman and three companions to Pueblo to lead the main Mississippi Company back to Fort Laramie and westward. Making excellent time in the wake of the Young Company, the Mississippi Company, now headed by John D. Holladay Sr., arrived in the Salt Lake Valley only five days after the now celebrated date of July 24, 1847.

Late summer of 1847 saw the Mississippi Company, almost intact, exploring and staking out properties along Spring Creek at the base of that lofty peak later to become known as Mount Olympus. Crude dugouts served as shelters for several men who braved the winter while most of the company, including John D. Holladay, Sr., moved into the Fort at Salt Lake City.

Spring of 1848 and they hurriedly set out to establish a village and homes. A church branch was established and was known briefly as Mississippi Ward. John D. Holladay was appointed Presiding Elder. A small quantity of "Taos" wheat was sown, later to yield 110 bushels and become a hardy and productive strain throughout the area. Church services were held in a log chapel on the north bank of Big Cottonwood Creek, however, some members would traverse the fifteen or so miles to Salt Lake City for Sunday services. Reporting to all their great adventure upon their return. John D. Holladay, now branch president and sometimes known as Jack, became the temporal as well as the ecclesiastical leader of the little village.

Most of the sturdy settlers of Holladay's Burgh were from the

Mississippi Company, however, some from the Mormon Battalion as well as the Nauvoo Group settled there. The original field plat surveyed February 23, 1849 showed eighteen families assigned to approximately 181 acres bounded by now 48th South, Highland Drive, Cottonwood Lane and Holladay Boulevard. The largest plot going to John Lockhart with twenty-eight acres; the smallest to William Whitehead with 1.6 acres. It is reported that John D. Lee constructed an adobe house and settled just south of now 48th South and on the west side of Highland Drive.

At least one real estate transaction is recorded: in 1855 one twenty acre plot was exchanged. The owner received three cows, estimated value \$30.00 each. No mention is made of the broker's commission. The Upper Canal Irrigation Company was formed then canals and irrigation systems were built. The Company levied taxes and hired a water master. By late 1848 the first Utah flour was being produced at John Neff's mill near now 37th South and Hillside Lane.

In 1849 an adobe building was erected (14 x 14 feet) which served as a combination school, town hall and chapel. Lyman Wood, the first school teacher, received the equivalent of one dollar per child per month. The cash or more likely produce was paid by the parents of the students.

In 1851 some of the residents of Holladay's Burgh were again faced with the grim but firm call to the faithful from the President of the Church to move to and settle at the base of Cajon Pass in California. They had now been in their Holladay's Burgh homes barely three years, three years of constant toil and tenacious survival. John D. Holladay Sr., his son John Jr. and their families once again journeyed to California and settled near San Bernardino. Both father and son to become active and prominent in

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HOLLADAY'S SETTLEMENT (Continued from page 17)

Southern California affairs.

The Utah war of 1857 again brought the Church recall of the leaders of the remote settlements. John D. Holladay Sr., returned to Utah but never to the village that bears his name. He stopped first at Beaver then moved on to the village of Santaquin. He died there on December 31, 1862, having answered to the call of his church many times in the brief span of years.

From the year 1851 when the Holladay families left until 1911 the name of Holladay's Settlement became known interchangeably as Big Cottonwood, Holladay's Burgh, Holladay Burgh, Holladaysburgh, Holladaysburg, Hollidaysburgh and probably many other derivations. Big Cottonwood seemed to be used as the legal designation as well as the ecclesiastical name of the eleven plus square mile area.

Sometime in the early 1900's the name Holliday appears to have been used quite generally. In the late 1920's some controversy arose as to the proper spelling. After some research the consensus of the residents ruled to re-establish the Holladay spelling. Many signs, records and printings were so corrected. The Holliday Water Company is now the only retainer of the old spelling.

Because of its pristine quiet and spaciousness, Holladay was soon to become a haven for country estates of the affluent merchants and businessmen of the proliferating Salt Lake City. Many of these stately structures yet stand magnificently midst the towering cottonwoods and conifers of Cottonwood Creek on their original acreage.

The area is abundantly mellow in pioneer lore and history. One needs only to accost a proud and friendly native on a busy street of Holladay and chances are good that you will hear a pioneer tale from one of the descendants of the Mississippi Company of 1847. Furthermore, they will probably assure you that it is "Holladay" and not "Holliday".

NO CLOSED GATE (Continued from page 16.)

This third call had been accepted with the simple statement—"Thy will be done." Now they were asking her to believe he was dead, but it couldn't be true.

She was startled from her reverie by the whining of Niels' dog. It was a mournful whine. Could it be that the animal sensed something she did not? As she moved, a second letter fell from her lap. She picked it up, noticing it was from Niels' close companion, Elder Andrew Jensen. Hesitantly, she opened it and scanned the page. These words seemed to stand out, "...and so his soul passed quietly down the aisle to eternity."

Then it was true. His release had come, but he would not be returning to her. Panic seized her breast and as the storm outside broke, her own tears began to flow. Great sobs wracked her body. A body wearied by long years of waiting. Now, it seemed, there was nothing to wait for. Niels wasn't coming. Niels had gone on without her. She was alone.

The sun had gone down outside and darkness fell. Still she continued to cry out in her anguish through the long night, barely conscious that the heavens, too, were pouring forth great torrents of rain.

As dawn began to break, the tears ceased and the bonds of grief that gripped her heart began to slacken. Her mind cleared. Silently she prayed for strength, then walked to the window and watched the first rays of the morning sun come over the rugged eastern hills. The lake was calm after the storm. The grass and the trees were cleansed of dust, the flowers were blooming. All around her bore record that God was in His heaven and life must go on.

What would Niels have her do? Why, first of all, she thought, he would want the hay turned so it wouldn't spoil. As she walked toward the barn she felt Niels' arm across her shoulders as it had been that night in Copenhagen by the garden gate and she seemed to hear him say,

"There will be no closed gate between us ever again."

NS SUP OFFICIALS VISIT GEORGE A. SMITH CHAPTER

On Friday, February 1, 1980, President Ken Wiseman and Executive Secretary John J. Nielsen, with their wives Min and Louise, visited the George A. Smith Chapter at Provo to participate in honoring three generations of the Boshards family in the SUP and five-six generations of the Cox family in the SUP.

CLARK M. WOOD, 79, UTAH NATIVE DIES IN SEATTLE

Clark M. Wood of Scottsdale, Arizona, formerly of Salt Lake City and Seattle, Washington, died February 6, 1980. He married LaVon Marquardson (Markie) in the Salt Lake Temple August 7, 1939.

While he was engaged in the investment and insurance business he gave full service to the LDS Church over a lifetime both as a mission president, bishop and high council member.

Mr. Wood was born November 25, 1909 in Monticello, San Juan County, to Joseph Henry and Anna Lillian D. Wood. His survivors include his wife, sons, Robert C. and Richard G. both of Redmond, Washington; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Linda) Lingenbrink, Mechanicsville, Pa; 14 grandchildren, five brothers and sisters. He was a member in standing of the Phoenix Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers.

HORACE C. DUFFIN

Horace Cyril Duffin, native of Arizona and Bountiful, Utah, passed away January 2, 1980. He was born in the White Mountains of Arizona, on the Apache Reservation, October 30, 1900, the son of Brigham Fielding Duffin and Harriet Lorine Gardiner. He was the first white child born on the Apache Reservation where his father Brigham F. Duffin was a missionary for the LDS Church. His schooling was in Arizona, Old Mexico and the old Brigham Young Academy, Provo, Utah, as well as various schools in the Salt Lake area.

Horace joined the SUP when a membership fee was \$2.00 a year and a Life Membership \$50.00. His life membership was number 43.

IRA BENNION

Ira Bennion Sharp, 83, of Salt Lake City, civic leader and member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, passed away January 28, 1980 at his home.

He was born October 30, 1896 to Johan A. and Rebecca Ann Bennion Sharp. He married Lois Morris Cannon, February 12, 1924 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. She died June 4, 1975. Ira was owner and manager of the Sharp Livestock Company, active in the cancer crusade in Salt Lake County and for the State of Utah. In Scouting he received the Silver Beaver Award. He was active also in church affairs and missionary work. He continued his church work as a host on Temple Square and as a sealer in the Salt Lake Temple. He is survived by two sons and two daughters, twenty-two grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

ROYAL F. NEILSON SERVICES HELD

Royal F. Neilson, Provo City patriot and member of the George A. Smith Chapter died July 12, 1979. He was 83 years old and had spent his lifetime in community service in the field of music and as a bugler with the 76th Infantry Regimental Band and with the American Legionaires.

As veteran of World War I, he served as bugler for honor guards for over 1,000 services of his fellow servicemen. As an active member of the LDS Church he served as branch president in Arizona-California Mission and later in Utah as a Sunday school superintendent, teacher, high priest group leader and organist. He was highly talented as a musician and played the trumpet in orchestras as well as the piano, guitar and violin.

On November 16, 1921 he married Deane Steele in the Manti LDS Temple and is survived by one son and two daughters, Kirk Neilson of Orem, Utah; Mrs. John (Helen) Captain and Mrs. Carl (Rae Deane) Nuttall both of Provo, Utah. There are also 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Chapter Eternal

ROBERT C. PIXTON MOURNED

Robert Carter Pixton, 84, died Jan. 31, 1980. He was born Feb. 28, 1895 at Taylorsville to Willard and Isabella Carter Pixton. He married Vern Gardner, June 27, 1917, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. She died June 9, 1979.

Prominent and outstanding in all activities throughout his life, in high school, Utah State Agricultural College as coach and teacher and graduate.

He was employed by the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company, Federal Land Bank, Salt Lake County as agricultural agent.

His military career included twenty-seven years with the Utah National Guard, 145 Field Artillery Battalion as Commanding Officer. He retired from army service as a full colonel. He received the Bronze Star during the Pacific Campaign and was an outstanding marksman.

In civic service he was active with the Sons of the American Revolution and the Salt Lake Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. He was active in LDS church work and various civic clubs.

He is survived by a son and two daughters.

PARLEY G. DEEM

Parley G. Deem, member of the Jefferson Hunt Chapter, died January 13, 1980 at Ogden, Utah. He was born February 11, 1911, in Plain City, a son of Ludvy P. and Ida Green Deem. On December 6, 1930 he was married to Lucille Weaver in Ogden.

He received extensive education at the Box Elder High School, the Compton College and Long Beach College in California. Having held a number of positions in church activities he was active in Church circles all his life. He had lived in Willard, Ogden and Delta, Utah and Long Beach and Lakewood, California. After retirement in 1972 he moved to Huntsville, Utah.

He is survived by his widow of Ogden, five daughters, twenty-eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, also two brothers and three sisters.

ELIAS A. DAWSON

Elias Alexander Dawson, civic leader, church leader, civil service worker and past president of the Buena Ventura Chapter SUP, died at age 82, Layton, Utah. He was the son of William Alexander Dawson and Ella Rose Adams Dawson.

His schooling was at Layton Elementary School and Ogden High School. He served in the Navy Air Corps during the World War and completed a LDS mission to the Eastern States. On July 18, 1928 he married Fidelia Ellen Nelson in the Salt Lake LDS Temple and they had three children, 15 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

In civic service he was elected to serve as Layton city Councilman from 1950 to 1954 followed by a four year term as mayor of Layton. In LDS church service he served five years in the Layton Fourth Ward bishopric and service on the Layton Stake high council. As a second mission for the LDS Church, in 1966-1968, he and his wife served in the Nauvoo Mission.

PHOENIX CHAPTER LOSES HONORARY MEMBER IN DEATH

L. E. "Dutch" Stapley, 78, native of Mesa, Arizona, who had served as president, general manager and vice chairman of the board of O. S. Stapley, Co., died August 26, 1979.

Mr. Stapley was extremely active in civic affairs and in his business life. He was a member of the board of the Central Arizona Project Association, Theodore Roosevelt Council of the Boy Scouts of America and other civic activities.

He held leadership positions in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints priesthood quorums and Sunday school organizations. He was a member of the Rotary Club for 50 years and received distinguished service awards from the clubs in Mesa and Phoenix.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth; children, Mary Jean Ellsworth, Polly Ann Ortwin, Sam and Dean; stepsons, Glenn, Terry, Joe and Dan Bingham; two sisters, a brother, 31 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

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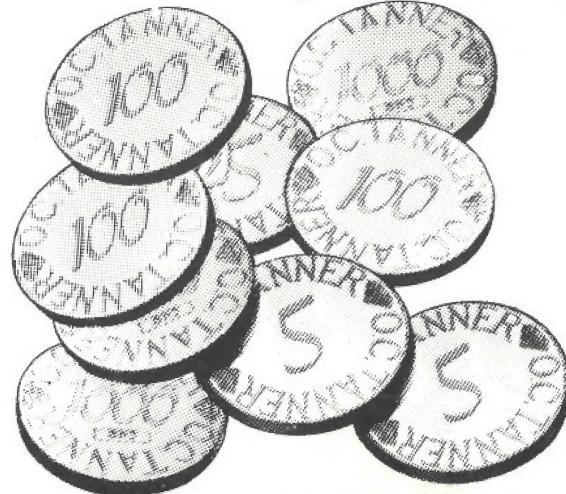
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